

A SPECTRAL LIGHT EXTINGUISHED.

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"In these days we find many people who are sure ready to place odd incidents which occur to them in the category of the supernatural," said a business man to a reporter. "I have had an experience in my own house which is extraordinary in that it caused a woman to take to her bed as the result of nervous prostration, and had not a natural cause been discovered for the peculiar happening it is likely that an invalid who was compelled to witness this supposed manifestation from the spirit world would not have been here today."

"I have an aunt who is an invalid, and the one thing that is required above all others is the exclusion of light from her room. The shutters of her apartment are never opened. One morning not long ago my aunt noticed a weird, fluttering light on the ceiling. As she looked at it it seemed to take a form, so that she discerned wings and a body. The longer she looked at it the more convinced she became that it was a spirit. Now, before this she had held the most materialistic views, scoffing at the possible existence of anything beyond what is deemed natural, but so terrified did she become at this strange light that she gave a shriek of horror. No one answered, and she lay in bed, looking up at the fluttering glimmer, which seemed to get fainter and fainter until, when the door opened and her sister appeared, it had disappeared altogether."

"Trembling, she told the story of the strange light and its sudden disappearance. Without stopping to consider, both concluded it was the spirit of a brother who had died several months before, and although the occurrence left an impression nothing more was said about it that day. The next morning at the same time the invalid gave a shriek of terror which caused her sister to come to her side. 'Look up there,' she cried, pointing to the ceiling. The sister looked and uttered a low cry. 'It's there again. See!' said the invalid. Sure enough, there was the flickering light. There was no accounting for it, as the shutters were tightly closed. Both looked steadily and concluded the light was some spirit manifestation. As before, it slowly vanished, leaving the two women in a state of nervousness that they could not overcome."

"For three days after this the light appeared regularly at the same time every morning and after a short visit disappeared. So nervous did the sisters become that one had to go to bed, and the other's condition grew serious. They did not mention the occurrence to any one, and as I was away I did not learn of it until my arrival home on the sixth day of the phenomenon."

"The sisters told me of the spectral marvel and informed me I was just in time to witness it myself. I remained in the darkened room awaiting the manifestation. Sure enough, after a short time a hazy light appeared on the ceiling, gradually growing brighter and brighter until—well, I didn't blame my aunts for considering it supernatural. But I always seek for a cause, and after a time I found that the fluttering light was caused by a bucket of water which was standing in the yard, reflecting the rays of the sun. Of course the shutters were tightly closed, so that there was apparently no way for the light to enter the room, but I discovered a very small crack in one shutter which acted as the opening of a camera obscura device, reflecting the image of the glistening surface of the water on the ceiling. The image appeared at the same time each day, as at that hour the sun's rays formed the angle required to throw it into the room. As the sun advanced the angle was gradually changed, making the image disappear slowly. So it was that a great mys-

tery was solved by matter of fact investigation."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Oranges and Inebriety.

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